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EXECUTIVE ORDER



Roy Romer Governor

CONTINUING THE SCENIC AND HISTORIC BYWAYS COMMISSION

- WHEREAS, Colorado offers abundant and easily accessible opportunities for viewing and visiting scenic, recreational, historical, educational, scientific, geological, natural, wildlife, cultural, or ethnic resources; and
- WHEREAS, the Scenic and Historic Byways (SHB) program is a statewide partnership intended to provide recreational, educational, and economic benefits to Coloradans and visitors through the designation, interpretation, protection and promotion of a system of outstanding touring routes in Colorado; and
- WHEREAS, the U. S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management have agreed to participate in and abide by the rules and regulations of the SHB Program; and
- WHEREAS, tourism and recreation in Colorado will benefit from increased national exposure given to byways of exceptional scenic, historical ecological, cultural, and recreational interest; and
- WHEREAS, cities, counties and the transportation commission have the authority to designate and fund promotional activities for scenic and historic byways; and
- WHEREAS, designated byways are subject to periodic review to ensure maintenance and enhancement of their scenic, historical, cultural, wildlife, recreational, educational, geological and natural features. Failure to maintain and enhance a byway may result in termination of designation.
- WHEREAS, the SHB and Transportation Commissions developed criteria and approved designation of 17 scenic and historic byways across the state, and wish to turn their attention to developing funding sources and supporting promotional and interpretive programs for the 17 designated byways.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Roy Romer, Governor of the State of Colorado, by virtue of the authority vested in me under the Constitution and the Laws of Colorado, DO HEREBY ORDER THAT:

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- 1. The Scenic and Historic Byways Commission (CSHBC) is hereby continued. There shall be no more than 15 members appointed by the Governor, including one Transportation Commissioner and one member of the Colorado Tourism Board for terms of three years. Members shall serve without compensation.
- 2. The commission shall continue to:
 - a. Work with state agencies, the U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, local byways organizations, public and private resources to assist in the development of byways management plans, including interpretation, promotion and protection of distinctive byways characteristics.
 - b. Help coordinate the budgeting process and allocation of federal, state, and private funds for the purpose of byway improvements.
 - c. Evaluate and recommend designation for Scenic and Historic Byways that depict Colorado's diversity regionally and graphically.
 - d. Ensure all regions of the state are fairly represented within the system of designated Scenic and Historic Byways.
- 3. The Commission shall be reviewed no later than December 31, 1998, to determine appropriate action for its continuance, modification or termination.
- 4. This Executive Order supersedes Executive Order B-004-92 in its entirety.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this twenty-fourth day of January, 1995.

Røy Romer Governor